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SUMMARY

- Designates the month of September as “Hirschsprung’s Disease Awareness Month.”

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Designation	Hirschsprung’s Disease Awareness Month ¹
Date	Month of September
Other Information	The purpose of the designation is to increase public awareness of Hirschsprung’s Disease and encourage caregivers of newborns to seek an early diagnosis and proper treatment of this disease.

COMMENT

Hirschsprung Disease is a birth defect in which nerve cells are missing at the end of a child’s bowel. These nerves normally allow the muscles in the wall of the bowel to contract and move digested material toward the anus, so the child can eliminate his or her waste. Hirschsprung Disease occurs in 1 out of every 5,000 live births. The disease occurs more often in males than in females and sometimes can be associated with inherited conditions.²

¹ R.C. 5.2521.

² National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, *Hirschsprung Disease*, available at <https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/digestive-diseases/hirschsprung-disease>; Nationwide Children’s Hospital, *What is Hirschsprung’s Disease?*, available at <https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/conditions/hirschsprung-disease>.

HISTORY

Action	Date
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