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Abeona Announces Closing of \$92 Million Underwritten Public Offering and Full Exercise of Underwriters' Option to Purchase Additional Shares

NEW YORK and CLEVELAND, Oct. 19, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Abeona Therapeutics Inc. (Nasdaq:ABEO), a leading clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing novel gene and cell therapies for life-threatening rare diseases, today announced the closing of its underwritten public offering with a gross offering size of approximately \$92 million, which includes the full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase 750,000 additional shares, at the public offering price of \$16.00 per share.

Jefferies LLC acted as lead book-running manager for the offering and RBC Capital Markets as joint book runner. Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. acted as lead manager. FBR Capital Markets & Co., H.C. Wainwright & Co., JonesTrading Institutional Services LLC and Maxim Group LLC were co-managers for the offering.

The securities described above were offered pursuant to a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-205128) that was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on June 22, 2015 and that was declared effective by the SEC on July 23, 2015. The offering will be made only by means of the written prospectus and prospectus supplement that form a part of the registration statement. The preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus supplement that form a part of the registration statement has been filed with the SEC and is available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Copies of the preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may also be obtained by request at Jefferies, Attention Equity Syndicate Prospectus Department, 520 Madison Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10022, via telephone at (877) 821-7388, or email at: Prospectus_Department@Jefferies.com.

The securities described above have not been qualified under any state blue sky laws. This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of offers to buy any securities of Abeona being offered, and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale of any security in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

About Abeona: Abeona Therapeutics Inc. is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing gene therapies for life-threatening rare genetic diseases. Abeona's lead programs include ABO-102 (AAV-SGSH), an adeno-associated virus (AAV) based gene therapy for Sanfilippo syndrome type A (MPS IIIA) and EB-101 (gene-corrected skin grafts) for recessive dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa (RDEB). Abeona is also developing ABO-101

(AAV-NAGLU) for Sanfilippo syndrome type B (MPS IIIB), ABO-201 (AAV-CLN3) gene therapy for juvenile Batten disease (JNCL), ABO-202 (AAV-CLN1) for treatment of infantile Batten disease (INCL), EB-201 for epidermolysis bullosa (EB), ABO-301 (AAV-FANCC) for Fanconi anemia (FA) disorder and ABO-302 using a novel CRISPR/Cas9-based gene editing approach to gene therapy for rare blood diseases. In addition, Abeona has a proprietary vector platform, AIM™, for next generation product candidates.

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