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XORTX Announces US\$5 Million Public Offering

CALGARY, Alberta, Oct. 04, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- XORTX Therapeutics Inc. ("**XORTX**" or the "**Company**") (NASDAQ: XRTX | TSXV: XRTX | Frankfurt: ANU), a late stage clinical pharmaceutical company focused on developing innovative therapies to treat progressive kidney disease, announces the pricing of an underwritten public offering of: (i) 1,400,000 common share units ("**Common Share Units**"), with each Common Share Unit consisting of one common share, no par value, and one warrant ("**Warrant**") to purchase one common share at a public offering price of US\$1.00 per Common Share Unit, and (ii) 3,600,000 pre-funded warrant units ("**Pre-Funded Units**" and together with the Common Share Units, the "**Units**"), with each Pre-Funded Unit consisting of one pre-funded warrant ("**Pre-Funded Warrant**") to purchase one common share and one Warrant to purchase one common share at a public offering price of US\$0.9999 per Pre-Funded Unit, for aggregate gross proceeds of US\$5 million, prior to deducting underwriting discounts and other offering expenses and excluding any exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase any additional securities as described herein (the "**Offering**"). The common shares and Warrants contained in the Common Share Units and the Pre-Funded Warrants and Warrants contained in the Pre-Funded Units are immediately separable upon issuance. The Warrants have an initial exercise price of US\$1.22 per share, will be immediately exercisable, and may be exercised for five years from the date of issuance. The Pre-Funded Warrants have an exercise price of US\$0.0001 per share, will be immediately exercisable, and will terminate once exercised in full. In addition, the Company has granted the underwriters a 45-day option to purchase up to an additional 750,000 common shares and/or Warrants to purchase up to an additional 750,000 common shares at the public offering price less the underwriting discounts.

The Offering is expected to close on or about October 6, 2022, subject to satisfaction of customary closing conditions. In connection with the Offering and subject to TSX Venture Exchange acceptance, the Company plans to enter into an agreement to reduce the exercise price of outstanding warrants to purchase up to 910,000 shares of common stock issued in the 2021 public offering (the "**Prior Warrants**") and held by investors in this Offering from US\$4.77 per share to US\$1.17 per share, effective upon the closing of the Offering. All other terms of the Prior Warrants will remain the same.

A.G.P./Alliance Global Partners is acting as sole book-running manager for the Offering.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**SEC**") declared effective a registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-267328) relating to these securities on September 22, 2022. A final prospectus relating to the Offering will be filed with the SEC. The Offering is being made only by means of the prospectus. Copies of the final prospectus relating to the Offering may be obtained, when available, by contacting A.G.P./Alliance Global Partners, 590 Madison Avenue, 28th Floor, New York, NY 10022, or by email at prospectus@alliancecg.com. Investors may also obtain these documents at no cost by

visiting the SEC's website at <https://www.sec.gov>. Prospective investors should read the prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference before making an investment decision.

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About XORTX Therapeutics Inc.

XORTX is a pharmaceutical company with two clinically advanced products in development: 1) our lead, XRx-008 program for ADPKD; and 2) our secondary program in XRx-101 for acute kidney and other acute organ injury associated with Coronavirus / COVID-19 infection. In addition, XRx-225 is a pre-clinical stage program for Type 2 Diabetic Nephropathy.

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Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains express or implied forward-looking statements pursuant to U.S. Federal securities laws. For example, XORTX is using forward-looking statements when it discusses the expected mix of securities offered, the timing of the closing of the Offering, the satisfaction of customary closing conditions of the Offering and the possible offering of additional common shares and/or Warrants pursuant to the underwriters' option. These forward-looking statements and their implications are based on the current expectations of the management of XORTX only, and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. The Offering may not occur, may be delayed or may be completed with different terms than are currently contemplated. Except as otherwise required by law, XORTX undertakes no obligation to publicly release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. More detailed information about the risks and uncertainties affecting XORTX is contained under the heading "Risk Factors" in XORTX's Registration Statement on Form F-1 filed with the SEC, which is available on the SEC's website, www.sec.gov (including any documents forming a part thereof or incorporated by reference therein), as well as in our reports, public disclosure documents and other filings with the securities commissions and other regulatory bodies in Canada, which are available on www.sedar.com.



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