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XORTX Therapeutics Announces Share Consolidation

CALGARY, Alberta, Sept. 20, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- XORTX Therapeutics Inc. ("XORTX" or the "**Company**") (CSE: XRX) (OTCQB: XRTXF), a pharmaceutical therapeutics company focused on developing innovative therapies to treat progressive kidney disease, announces that further to its news release dated August 13, 2021 the Company will complete a share consolidation of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company on the basis of 11.74 pre-consolidation common shares for each one (1) post-consolidation common share (the "**Share Consolidation**"), as approved at the meeting of shareholders held on September 2, 2021.

No fractional common shares will be issued in connection with the Share Consolidation. In the event a holder of common shares would otherwise be entitled to receive a fractional common share in connection with the Share Consolidation, the number of post-consolidation common shares to be received by such shareholder will be rounded down to the nearest whole number of common shares.

XORTX expects trading of common shares on a post-consolidation basis on the Canadian Securities Exchange will commence on September 23, 2021.

Registered shareholders holding share certificates will be mailed a letter of transmittal advising of the Share Consolidation and instructing them to surrender their share certificates representing pre-consolidation common shares for replacement certificates or direct registration advice representing their post-consolidation common shares. Until surrendered for exchange, following the effective date of the consolidation, each share certificate formerly representing pre-consolidation common shares will be deemed to represent the number of whole post-consolidation common shares to which the holder is entitled as a result of the Share Consolidation.

Holders of common shares of the Company who hold uncertificated common shares (that is common shares held in book-entry form and not represented by a physical share certificate), either as registered holders or beneficial owners, will have their existing book-entry account(s) electronically adjusted by the Company's transfer agent or, for beneficial shareholders, by their brokerage firms, banks, trusts or other nominees that hold in street name for their benefit. Such holders do not need to take any additional actions to exchange their pre-consolidation common shares for post-consolidation common shares.

Beneficial shareholders holding their common shares through a bank, broker or other nominee should note that such banks, brokers or other nominees may have different procedures for processing the Share Consolidation than those that have been put in place by the Company for registered shareholders. If you hold your common shares with such a bank, broker or other nominee, and if you have questions in this regard, you are encouraged

to contact your nominee.

About XORTX Therapeutics Inc.

XORTX Therapeutics Inc. is a pharmaceutical company with two clinically advanced products in development – XR_x-008 for Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (ADPKD), XR_x-101 for Coronavirus / COVID-19 infection and XR_x-225 is a pre-clinical stage program for Type 2 Diabetic Nephropathy (T2DN). XORTX is working to advance its clinical development stage products that target aberrant purine metabolism and xanthine oxidase to decrease or inhibit production of uric acid. At XORTX Therapeutics, we are dedicated to developing medications to improve the quality of life and future health of patients. Additional information on XORTX Therapeutics is available at www.xortx.com.

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