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XORTX Therapeutics Announces Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders

CALGARY, Alberta, Nov. 23, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- XORTX Therapeutics Inc. ("**XORTX**" or the "**Company**") (TSXV: XRTX | NASDAQ: XRTX), a pharmaceutical therapeutics company focused on developing innovative therapies to treat progressive kidney disease, announces that it will hold its annual and special meeting of shareholders at 11:00 a.m. (Calgary time) on Monday, December 20, 2021 (the "**Meeting**"). Materials for the Meeting have been mailed to shareholders and are available on the Company's SEDAR profile and the Company's website.

The meeting has been called for shareholders to consider annual matters including the election of directors, re-appointment of Smythe LLP Chartered Accountants as auditors and re-approval of the Company's 10% rolling stock option plan. The Company's slate of directors includes Allen Davidoff, founder of XORTX and CEO, Ian Klassen, a director since 2020, recently appointed directors, William Farley and Jacqueline Le Saux, long term director, Paul Van Damme, and Raymond Pratt, MD FACP, a nominee. Bruce Rowlands will not be standing for re-election at the Meeting.

Dr. Pratt is an accomplished Physician Executive with 40 years' experience in both clinical medicine and Nephrology. In his 25 years in the pharmaceutical industry, he has led global clinical trials, clinical pharmacology, drug safety and regulatory affairs in both large and small companies. His leadership has led to the approval of drugs for renal, hematology and CNS patients in the US and other global markets.

Dr. Allen Davidoff, President and CEO stated, "We are very pleased to have Ray Pratt agree to join the XORTX board. His training as a nephrologist, in drug development experience, and as an executive, will be an important resource for XORTX as the Company advances its clinical trials and regulatory filings and prepares for commercial program launch. On behalf of the Company and personally, we thank Bruce Rowlands for his contributions to the advancement of XORTX over the past seven years, including three year as Chairman of the Company. Bruce's tireless efforts on behalf of the Company and our shareholders is greatly appreciated."

Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, governmental recommendations and/or orders for physical distancing, restrictions on group gatherings, non-essential travel and business activities, XORTX is requesting that shareholders do not attend the meeting in person. To mitigate any risks to stakeholders, employees, partners and community members, the Company will hold the Meeting by conference call. Shareholders are encouraged to cast their votes in advance by proxy.

About XORTX Therapeutics Inc.

XORTX Therapeutics Inc. is a pharmaceutical company with two clinically advanced products in development – XRx-008 for Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (ADPKD), XRx-101 for Coronavirus / COVID-19 infection and XRx-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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