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## **Mohegan Tribe To Open Pasta Vita In Wethersfield**

Location at 1142 Silas Dean Highway opens April 17

UNCASVILLE, CT (April 16, 2018) – On Tuesday, April 17th, the [Mohegan Tribe](#), through their non-gaming entity Mohegan Holding Company, LLC, will open their newest Pasta Vita location at 1142 Silas Dean Highway in Wethersfield, CT. This is the second Pasta Vita location under Mohegan/PV, LLC, a joint venture between Mohegan Holding Company and Pasta Vita Old Saybrook.

Doors will open to the public at noon, and the first 50 people in line will receive free entrees for a year (must be 18 or older to participate; see official rules in-store). Also, on its opening day, 20% of sales will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter.

"For hundreds of years, the Mohegan Tribe has been committed to good relations with our neighbors, and we continue to uphold this today as an integral part of our values," said Kevin Brown "Red Eagle", Chairman of the Mohegan Tribe. "By partnering with Pasta Vita, we are able to create 55 new jobs in Wethersfield, bringing Mohegan Holding Company's total employees to nearly 300 in Connecticut alone."

Rich Cersosimo, President of Pasta Vita, Inc. added, "After more than two very successful years working alongside the Mohegan Tribe at Pasta Vita Mohegan Sun, Chef Lou and I are very excited to expand the Pasta Vita brand outside of southeastern Connecticut, and look forward to serving the same great freshly-prepared food that Pasta Vita has long been known for."

The 7,700 square-foot Pasta Vita Wethersfield includes a 6,000 square-foot kitchen and 1,700 square-foot retail space. The location will cook and prepare the food available at the Wethersfield and Mohegan Sun Pasta Vita locations as well as future Mohegan-owned Pasta Vita sites.

Retail hours will be from 9:00am to 8:00pm Mondays through Saturdays and 10:00am to 6:00pm Sundays. For more information, please call 860-359-8482.

### **ABOUT THE MOHEGAN TRIBE**

The Mohegan Tribe was founded on the banks of southeastern Connecticut's Thames River by Chief Uncas in the early 17th century. The nine-member Tribal Council serves as the leadership for the sovereign nation, and also serves as the Board of Directors for the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority (MTGA) in regard to the Tribe's gaming properties and interests. After its federal recognition in 1994, the Tribe opened the world-class casino resort Mohegan Sun on its reservation land in Uncasville, CT in 1996 and Mohegan Sun Pocono, Pennsylvania's first casino, on commercial land in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania in 2006. Currently, the Mohegan Tribe manages Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City and has interests in Paragon Casino Resort in Louisiana, the Cowlitz Project in Washington State and is developing a casino and entertainment complex at Seoul Incheon International Airport in South Korea.

### **ABOUT MOHEGAN/PV, LLC**

Pasta Vita began in 1996 as a wholesale pasta company in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Co-founded by Rich Cersosimo, a retired IBM marketing manager, and Lou Castanho, a distinguished chef and graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Pasta Vita is Connecticut's leading Gourmet-to-Go retail business. In 2016, Pasta Vita joined forces with the Mohegan Tribe and Mohegan Holding Company, LLC to create a joint venture, Mohegan/PV, LLC, which operates a location inside Mohegan Sun. The Mohegan Sun location features over 100 of Pasta Vita's freshly prepared entrees, salads, soups, sauces, breads, vegetarian options, desserts and their famous specialty-striped ravioli.

### **ABOUT MOHEGAN HOLDING COMPANY**

Mohegan Holding Company, LLC was created by the Mohegan Tribe for business diversification in non-gaming areas, and currently includes interests in franchise restaurants, sustainable energy resources and manufacturing, and office digital solutions. The Mohegan Tribe was founded on the banks of southeastern Connecticut's Thames River by Chief Uncas in the early 17th century. After its federal recognition in 1994, the Tribe opened the world-class casino resort Mohegan Sun on its reservation land in Uncasville, CT in 1996. The nine-member Tribal Council serves as the leadership for the sovereign nation, and also serves as the Board of Directors for Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment (MGE) in regard to the Tribe's gaming properties and interests.

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