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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Houlihan's South's commitment to supporting clean energy prevents the emission of 185 metric tons of greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere.**

**Springfield, MO** – The new Houlihan's South, managed by O'Reilly Hospitality Management, has recently secured Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) representing the generation of 258 MWh of renewable energy. By matching these RECs with its electricity usage, Houlihan's South of Springfield, MO will help avoid 185 tons of carbon dioxide emissions. This is the environmental equivalent to the annual amount of carbon dioxide absorbed by 40 acres of forest, or the same as the amount produced by 35 cars per year.

Securing Green-e Energy Certified RECs allows Houlihans to claim the use of renewable megawatt hours (MWh) and the environmental benefits associated with them. By matching electricity usage with an equivalent number of RECs, Houlihan's has the opportunities of both greening their power and supporting the operation and development of renewable energy projects throughout the United States. 3Degrees National RECs are sourced from renewable energy projects throughout the country. The national benefits include helping reduce greenhouse gases from the use of fossil fuels, green job creation, and development of renewable energy resources.

The new, freestanding Houlihan's building has been designed to meet LEED Gold standards, while maintaining the Houlihan's warm and modern interior feel. Some of the environmentally friendly design features include the use of solar panels to generate electricity, a geothermal HVAC System, low-emissive glass to reduce heat loss, low VOC carpet, paint and sealants for better air quality, recycling of all waste materials, and more.

### **About Houlihan's**

Established in 1972, Houlihan's is a progressive concept that bridges the gap between fine dining and what people have come to expect from casual dining, priding itself on style and quality appropriate for any occasion, any day of the week. Houlihan's offers

guests an inviting atmosphere, eclectic menu and energetic bar environment with creative, diverse drink offerings. Inspired by fare around the globe, Houlihan's crafts dishes made from scratch with assertive flavors, offering a unique culinary experience. Currently, 102 Houlihan's restaurants operate throughout the country, 65 of which are franchised. Houlihan's is owned by Houlihan's Restaurants, Inc. of Leawood, Kansas, a pioneer in the full-service, casual dining industry that developed and owns several restaurant concepts comprising of approximately 116 locations from coast to coast, including Bristol Seafood Grill and Bar/ J. Gilbert's Wood-Fired Steaks.

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