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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

February 28, 2000

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SUBJECT: STERLING FINANCIAL GROUP, L.L.C.
Ref. Number: W00000005303

We have received your document for STERLING FINANCIAL GROUP, L.L.C. and check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

There is a balance due of \$55.00. Refer to the attached fee schedule for a breakdown of the fees. Please return a copy of this letter to ensure your money is properly credited.

The date first transacted business in Florida within the meaning of s. 607.1501 or 608.501, F.S., must be set forth in section 6 of the application. If the corporation/limited liability company has not yet transacted business in Florida within this meaning, please insert the words "upon qualification" in lieu of a date. (Note: Pursuant to s. 607.1502(4), F.S., this office collects a civil penalty of \$1000 for each year other than the application filing year, that a foreign corporation or limited liability company transacts business in this state without authority along with the past annual report/uniform business report fees due this office.)

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6097.

Michael Mays
Document Specialist

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 608.503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

1. Sterling Financial Group, L.L.C.

(Name of foreign limited liability company)

2. Louisiana

(Jurisdiction under the law of which foreign limited liability company is organized)

3.

72-1425792

(FEI number, if applicable)

4. August 31, 1998

(Date of Organization)

5.

"Perpetual"

(Duration: Year limited liability company will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. January 1, 2000

(Date first transacted business in Florida. (See sections 608.501, 608.502, and 817.155, F.S.))

7. 2151 Quail Run Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808

(Street address of principal office)

8. If limited liability company is a manager-managed company, check here ☒

9. The usual business addresses of the managing members or managers are as follows:

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10. Attached is an original certificate of existence, no more than 90 days old, duly authenticated by the official having custody of records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is organized. (A photocopy is not acceptable. If the certificate is in a foreign language, a translation of the certificate under oath of the translator must be submitted.)

11. Nature of business or purposes to be conducted or promoted in Florida:

Offer indirect financing to independent automobile dealers.

W. Lee Domingue, Sr.
Signature of a member or an authorized representative of a member.

(In accordance with section 608.408(3), F.S., the execution of this document constitutes an affirmation under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated herein are true.)

W. Lee Domingue, Sr.

Typed or printed name of signee

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 608.415 or 608.507, FLORIDA STATUTES,
THE UNDERSIGNED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT TO DESIGNATE A REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT IN THE
STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is:

Sterling Financial Group, L.L.C.

2. The name and the Florida street address of the registered agent and office are:

CT Corporation System

(Name)

1200 South Pine Island Road

Florida street address (P.O. Box **NOT** ACCEPTABLE)

Plantation

FL

33324

City/State/Zip

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Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated limited liability company at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent as provided for in Chapter 608, F.S..

Victor Alfano
(Signature)

**VICTOR ALFANO
ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

\$ 100.00 Filing Fee for Application
\$ 25.00 Designation of Registered Agent
\$ 30.00 Certified Copy (optional)
\$ 5.00 Certificate of Status (optional)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana

Jox McKeithen
SECRETARY OF STATE

As Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby Certify that

the Articles of Organization of

STERLING FINANCIAL GROUP, L.L.C.

Domiciled at LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA,

Were filed in this Office and a Certificate of Organization
was issued on August 31, 1998,

I further certify that no Certificate of Dissolution
been issued.

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*In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the Seal of my Office
to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on,*

February 4, 2000
Jox McKeithen

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Secretary of State

