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September 5, 1996

Florida Department of State 409 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

EFFECTIVE DAY!

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing with the Secretary of State are duplicate Articles of Incorporation for George Sutherlin Nissan, Inc. and Sutherlin Nissan, Inc. I have enclosed our firm check in the amount of \$245.00 to cover the filing fee for both sets of articles. Please return a certified copy of each to me.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely yours,

Gresham R. Stoneburner

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**Enclosures** 

cc: Karen B. Sutherlin (w/encl)

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May 9, 1996

GRESHAM R. STONEBURNER 50 N. LAURA ST., STE 2750 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202

The name GEORGE SUTHERLIN NISSAN, INC. has been reserved for 120 days beginning May 9, 1996. The reservation number is R96000002409 and this reservation is NONRENEWABLE.

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If someone else submits the document for filling, it must have a copy of this letter attached.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please telephone (904) 488-9000, the Name Availability Section

Marie Bartlett

Letter number: 096A00022801

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF



# GEORGE SUTHERLIN NISSAN, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation for profit under the laws of Florida, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

### ARTICLE 1

### NAME AND ADDRESS

- Section 1.1 Name. The name of the corporation is George Sutherlin Nissan, Inc.
- Section 1.2 <u>Address of Principal Office</u>. The address of the principal office of the corporation is 3929 Daval Drive, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250.
- Section 1.3 <u>Mailing Address</u>. The mailing address of the corporation is 3929 Duval Drive, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250.

# ARTICLE II

### DURATION

Section 2.1 <u>Duration</u>. This corporation shall exist perpetually. Corporate existence shall commence on the date these Articles are executed, except that if they are not filed by the Department of State of Florida within five business days after they are executed, corporate existence shall commence upon filing by the Department of State.

# ARTICLE III

#### **PURPOSES**

Section 3.1 <u>Purposes</u>. This corporation is organized for the purposes of transacting any or all lawful business permitted under the laws of the United States and of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### CAPITAL

Section 4.1 <u>Authorized Capital</u>. The maximum number of shares of stock which this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is \$10,000 (One Thousand) shares of voting common stock having a par value of \$.04 (one cent) per share.

#### ARTICLE V

# INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

Section 5.1 Name and Address. The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is % McGuire Woods Battle & Boothe, 50 N. Laura Street, Suite 2750, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Gresham R. Stoneburner.

## ARTICLE VI

### DIRECTORS

Section 6.1 <u>Number</u>. This corporation shall have 1 (one) director initially. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time by the bylaws, but shall never be less than one.

Section 6.2 <u>Initial Directors</u>. The name and address of the member of the first board of directors of the corporation is:

#### <u>NAME</u>

### **ADDRESS**

Karen B. Sutherlin

3929 Duval Drive Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

#### ARTICLE VII

## **BYLAWS**

Section 7.1 <u>Bylaws</u>. The initial bylaws of this corporation shall be adopted by the board of directors. Bylaws may be amended or repealed from time to time by either the board of directors or the shareholders, but the board of directors shall not alter, amend or repeal any bylaw adopted by the shareholders if the shareholders specifically provide that such bylaw is not subject to amendment or repeal by the board of directors.

## ARTICLE VIII

# INCORPORATOR

Section 8.1 Name and Address. The name and street address of the incorporator of this corporation are:

## NAME

## **ADDRESS**

Gresham R. Stonehurner

50 N. Laura Street, Suite 2750, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

# ARTICLE IX

# INDEMNIFICATION

Section 9.1 Indemnification. The board of directors is hereby specifically authorized to make provision for indemnification of directors, officers, employees and agents to the full extent permitted by law,

## ARTICLE X

### **AMENDMENT**

Section 10.1 Amendment. This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator has executed these Articles the 5th day of September, 1996.

Gresham R. Stoneburner, Incorporator

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# ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in the above Articles of Incorporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties. I am familiar with and I accept the obligations of a registered agent.

Gresham R. Stoneburner, Registered Agent

Date: September 5, 1996

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