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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO: Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
409 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

RE: First Step Automotive, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

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The Enclosed Articles of Incorporation and check are submitted to register the above-referenced corporation in the State of Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Wendi-Sioux Witherwax
Royal Title & Escrow Company
10181 West Sample Road, #201
Coral Springs, Florida 33065

Should you need to call someone concerning this matter, please call:

Wendi-Sioux Witherwax at (954) 255-0753

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FIRST STEP AUTOMOTIVE, INC**

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The undersigned, desiring to form a Corporation for the purpose hereinafter stated, under and pursuant to Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, do hereby declare as follows:

I. NAME

The name of the Corporation will be **FIRST STEP AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

II. BUSINESS AND POWERS

SECTION A:

The Corporation may engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and of the State of Florida.

SECTION B:

To enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts of every sort and kind which may be necessary or convenient for the business of this corporation, or business of a similar nature, with any person, corporation, private, public or municipal, body politically under the Government of the United States or any state, territory, or possession thereof or any foreign government so far as and to the event that the same may be done and performed by corporations organized under the corporation law of this state.

SECTION C:

To carry on its operations and conduct business in any state, in the District of Columbia, in any territory, dependency, or possession of the United States, and in any foreign country.

SECTION D:

To borrow or raise money without limits as to amount; to sell, create security interests in, pledge and otherwise dispose of and realize upon book accounts and other choices in action; to make, draw, accept, endorse, execute, and issue bonds, debentures, notes or other of the objects or purposes of this corporation, and to secure the principal thereof and the interest thereon by mortgage upon, or creation of security interests in, or pledge of or conveyance or assignment in trust of, the whole or any part of the property, real or personal, of this corporation, wherever situated and whether at the time owned or thereafter acquired; and, in such manners and upon such terms as the board of directors may from time to time determine to sell, exchange, pledge, offer for discount, or otherwise dispose of any and all such bonds, debentures, notes or other

obligations.

III. STOCK

The maximum number of shares of stock which this Corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any time will be **Five Hundred (500) shares of common stock having a par value of One Dollar (\$1.00) per share**. The capital stock may be paid for in property, labor or services at a just valuation, to be fixed by the incorporators or by the Directors at a meeting called for such purposes or at the organization meeting. Property, labor or services may be purchased or paid for with the capital stock at a just valuation of said property, to be fixed by the Directors of the Company. Stock in other corporations or going businesses may be purchased by the Corporation, in return for the issuance of its capital stock, and said purchases will be on such basis and for such consideration as the issuance of so much of the capital stock as the Directors of the Company may decide.

IV. MINIMUM CAPITAL

The amount of capital with which this Corporation will begin business will not be less than **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)**.

V. TERM OF EXISTENCE

This Corporation will have a perpetual existence commencing upon the filing of these Articles.

VI. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

3301 NORTHEAST 13TH TERRACE, POMPANO BEACH, FL. 33064

VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Corporation will be conducted by a Board of not less than one (1) and not more than four (4)

VIII. INITIAL DIRECTORS

The names and street addresses of the first Board of Directors who, subject to the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, will hold office for the first year of the Corporation's existence or until their successors are elected and will have qualified, are the following:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

GEORGE J. EZZELL, JR.
PRESIDENT/TREASURER
VICE PRESIDENT/SECRETARY

3301 NORTHEAST 13TH TERRACE
POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA 33064

IX. REGISTERED AGENT AND INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE

The Registered Agent and the street address of the Initial Registered Office of this Corporation in the

State of Florida will be **GEORGE J. EZZELL, JR., 3301 NORTHEAST 13TH TERRACE, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA 33064**

VICE PRESIDENT/SECRETARY

The Board of Directors from time to time may move the Registered Office to any other address in the State of Florida.

X. INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation as the Incorporator is:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

**GEORGE J. EZZELL, JR.
PRESIDENT/TREASURER
VICE PRESIDENT/SECRETARY**

**3301 NORTHEAST 13TH TERRACE
POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA 33064**

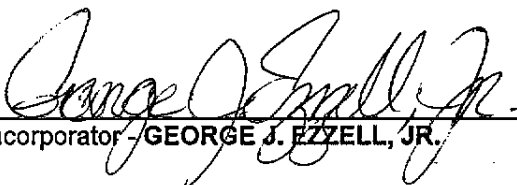
XI. AMENDMENT

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment will be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the stockholders and approved at a stockholder's meeting by at least a majority of the stock entitled to vote, unless all of the Directors and all of the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

XII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this corporation will be the date as filed in the Secretary of State's Office in Tallahassee, Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as Incorporator, has executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation on this **1ST day of SEPTEMBER, A.D., 1999.**

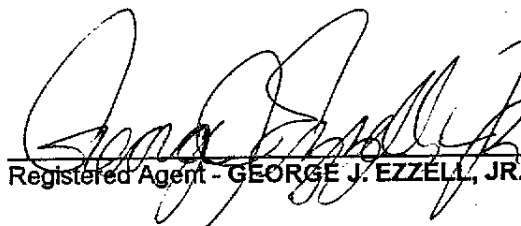

Incorporator - **GEORGE J. EZZELL, JR.**

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS
FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE,
IN NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

In compliance with § 48.091, of the Florida Statutes, the following is submitted: that **FIRST STEP AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**, desiring to organize under the Laws of the State of Florida, with its principal Office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at **3301 NORTHEAST 13TH TERRACE, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA**, has named **GEORGE J. EZZELL, JR.** whose address is **3301 NORTHEAST 13TH TERRACE, POMPANO BEACH, County of BROWARD State of FLORIDA**, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, at a place designated in this Certificate, the undersigned agrees to act in the capacity, and agrees to comply with the provisions of the Florida Law.


Registered Agent - **GEORGE J. EZZELL, JR.**

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