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AWARD-WINNNING FILMMAKER AND AUTHOR MICHAEL MOORE TO SPEAK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Gainesville, Fla. – Oscar-winning documentarian and best-selling author, Michael Moore, will speak on October 4th at 8 pm at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center. Doors at Gate 2 will open at 6:30 for students with valid GATOR1 ids, and doors will open at Gate 1 and 2 at 7pm for the public. For the safety of our patrons, no large bags or backpacks will be allowed inside the venue, and no video cameras will be permitted without Press credentials. Moore is being brought to UF by Accent Speaker's Bureau. Admission is free and open to the public.

Michael Moore has emerged over the years as one of the nation's funniest, most refreshing political voices. His career as a filmmaker was jumpstarted with the 1989 release of his documentary *Roger and Me*. Since then he has directed and produced the Academy Award winning documentary *Bowling for Columbine*, and won the Cannes Film Festival's Palme d'Or with his most recent work, *Fahrenheit 9/11*. Not one to shy away from controversy, Moore has challenged American politics with two satirical, thought-provoking bestsellers, *Stupid White Men...and Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation*, and *Dude, Where's My Country?*. Moore's speech at the University of Florida will take place on the eve of his DVD release of *Fahrenheit 9/11* to stores. This is his only scheduled venue in Florida to date.

ACCENT Speaker's Bureau has been bringing prominent speakers to the University of Florida since the early 1960s. Previous speakers this semester include the original "Hulk" on the 1970's television show, Lou Ferrigno, and former CIA analyst, Ray McGovern. Please visit our new website at www.sg.ufl.edu/accent for more information. Also note ACCENT's new **press** only phone extension at (352) 392-1665 ext. 411.

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