



STATE SEAL

First adopted in 1835, Michigan's Great Seal was designed by Lewis Cass. The seal evokes strong national images, with "*E Pluribus Unum*" on a scroll across the top and the American Eagle prominently displayed. Below these are an elk and a moose on either side of a shield bearing the Latin word "*Tuebor*," which means "I will defend," and reflects Michigan's position as a border state. Below this, an image of a man stands with one hand raised in peace and another holding a rifle, symbolic of his willingness to protect our state and nation. The state's motto, "*Si Quaeris Peninsulam Amoenam Circumspice*," which means "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you," is at the base of the shield. The Great Seal may not be used for commercial purposes.