

## **Michigan Every Day** **By Patrick Sullivan and Carole Eberly**

*Nov. 17, 1807*  
*Treaty of Detroit signed*

William Hull, governor of the Michigan Territory and superintendant of Indian affairs, held a council at the fort in Detroit with the chiefs of the Chippewa, Ottawa, Potawatomi, and Wyandot tribes. The Indians signed away their claims to southeast Michigan in the Treaty of Detroit, which was executed on Nov. 17, 1807. In the treaty, the Indians gave up their claims to the lower eastern quarter of the Lower Peninsula and a section of Ohio north of the Maumee River. In exchange, the Americans paid the Indians \$10,000 in money, goods and animals. The money was split into thirds with the Chippewa and Ottawa each to receive one share and the remaining share to be divided equally among Potawatami and Wyandot tribes. In addition, the tribes were to receive “forever” an annual payment of \$2,400, distributed under the same formula.