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## Let's celebrate Poland regaining its independence together!

We recommend watching a spot prepared by the IPN on the centenary of Poland regaining its independence.

A spot prepared by the Institute of National Remembrance, inviting everyone to celebrate the anniversary of Poland regaining its independence together:

On 11 November 1918, after 123 years, Poland regained its independence. Alongside diplomatic activities, Józef Piłsudski's armed action, undeniably, played a significant role in the process of the struggle and the reconstruction of Polish statehood. Through his steadfast attitude towards all three partitioners, Piłsudski won the trust and respect of both the general public and numerous political circles. That is why the Regency Council, appointed by Germany and Austria-Hungary, decided to transfer its authority and supreme command over the Polish Army to him.

Until then, the Regents knew that their political role was coming to an end and they were trying to form a government with the widest

possible social support. An important aspect was also the certainty that elections to the Sejm would be held as soon as possible. On 10 November 1918, Józef Piłsudski, who had previously been imprisoned in the Magdeburg fortress, came to the capital of the reviving Poland by a special train from Berlin. Thus, discussions on finding the right person who would win the support of Poles and try to achieve the above goals, came to an end.

On 11 November 1918, Germany signed the Armistice putting an end to the war operations of World War I. The Regency Council was resolved three days later, passing all of its authority and power over the Kingdom of Poland to Józef Piłsudski. This is how Poland was reviving.

November 1918 was merely the beginning of the process of building a strong and independent Poland and the fight for the shape of its borders. This was well understood by Józef Piłsudski, who later said that "a long-term lack of sovereignty had inhibited our development in many ways [...]. So now all of the citizens of free Poland must use the time of peace and make a special effort, in order to catch up with the world and stand as equals in this great family of free nations. "

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