

Earth Day is the largest environmental manifestation on the planet, the only time when all the citizens of the world come together to celebrate the Earth and **promote** its **preservation**. The



first Earth Day in 1970 was proposed by US Senator Gaylord Nelson after witnessing the **destructive** effects of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. He wanted to emphasize the need to conserve the earth's natural resources. Even earlier in 1963, Nelson encouraged President John Fitzgerald Kennedy to take a conservation trip to the western US to discuss environmental issues.

The United Nations celebrates Earth Day every year, a month and two days after the spring equinox, April 22nd, and

involves up to one billion people each year in 192 countries around the world. In 1970, millions of Americans demonstrated in the streets, parks and auditoriums in favour of a **healthy** and sustainable environment. Environmental groups use it as an opportunity to assess the problems of the planet, such as the **pollution** of the air, water and soil, the destruction of ecosystems, the thousands of plants and animal species that are disappearing, and the reduction of non-renewable resources. They insist on solutions to eliminate the negative effects of human activities, including the recycling of materials, the conservation of natural resources such as oil and fossil gas, the prohibition of harmful chemicals and the protection of **endangered** species.