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Carol M. Browner, Former EPA Administrator:

“The climate change challenge . . . will not be solved by government. It will be solved when we capture the spirit of Earth Day every day.”

HOW DID THE TERM “EARTH DAY” ORIGINATE?

#1 – During the 1960s then Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson was a key political figure, who championed the protection of nature. He and Denis Hayes, a prominent college student leader, worked closely during 1969 to co-found “*Earth Day*” on April 22, 1970.

#2 - John McConnell proposed an “*Earth Day*” in early October 1969 to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. He designated March 21, 1970, the first day of spring, to be the first “*Earth Day*.”

On 2/28/71 United Nations Secretary-General U Thant signed an Earth Day Proclamation for the celebration of “*Earth Day*” on March 21, 1971 -- the vernal equinox, the first day of spring.

Each year thereafter, the United Nations has celebrated “*Earth Day*” and its purpose: peace, justice and the care of earth.

The 1970 “*Earth Day*” was a wake-up call for Congress, which passed many important environment laws, including the Clean Air Act, laws to protect drinking water, wild lands and the ocean.

Conventional Wisdom: Earth Day = A Grassroots Call for Action

Moment of Zen: Earth, it's the only home we have - Go Green!