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## **International Earth Day**

April 22 is annually celebrated as International Mother Earth Day, a day dedicated to highlighting and reinforcing awareness of the environmental issues our planet faces.

This day was established by the United Nations in 2009, although the celebration had already started in 1970 in the United States, driven by environmental activist Gaylord Nelson. The choice of this date reminds us of the urgency to adopt measures to protect the Earth, our only home.

Human activity has negatively impacted the environment. Air and water pollution, deforestation, loss of biodiversity, depletion of natural resources, and climate change are some of the critical challenges we face. These issues threaten the health of the planet, the survival, and quality of life of future generations.

Protecting the Earth involves implementing sustainable strategies and developing policies that minimize the environmental impact of human activities. For example, transitioning to renewable energies such as solar and wind can significantly reduce our carbon footprint. Likewise, sustainable agriculture practices and reforestation are crucial for maintaining the health of our soils and atmosphere.

Protection programs for endangered species and the creation of protected areas are examples of how we can act to preserve our biodiversity.

Recycling and waste reduction also play an important role in protecting the Earth. Reducing plastic consumption, optimizing resource use, and promoting the circular economy are fundamental steps toward a more sustainable future. These practices not only decrease pollution but also promote more efficient management of available resources.

Environmental education is another key tool for protecting the planet. Raising awareness about the importance of sustainability and teaching environmentally respectful practices from childhood can transform future decisions and lifestyles. Individual awareness and action are essential for generating significant collective change.

In conclusion, International Earth Day reminds us of the responsibility we all have to take care of our planet. It is a day for reflection and for ongoing action. Every effort is essential to ensure a sustainable future. Protecting the Earth is protecting our own existence and that of future generations.

From ECIJA Mexico, we commemorate this date and, through our sustainability practice, we support clients and the community in contributing to the improvement and care of the environment.