

Press Release

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**STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY JANET NAPOLITANO
ON THE SUPREME COURT RULING ON THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT**

"I applaud today's Supreme Court decision in *United States v. Windsor* holding that the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is unconstitutional. This discriminatory law denied thousands of legally married same-sex couples many important federal benefits, including immigration benefits. I am pleased the Court agreed with the Administration's position that DOMA's restrictions violate the Constitution. Working with our federal partners, including the Department of Justice, we will implement today's decision so that all married couples will be treated equally and fairly in the administration of our immigration laws."

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