



## **Marriage Equality USA® Press Releases**

**01 January 2010 – 18 December 2010**

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### **[Victory as Union Extends Benefits to Married Same-Sex Couples](#) - Press Release 1 January 2010**

"This change will make the world of difference for our family and for others like us across the nation. And it illustrates what is possible when we come together to work as a team. Thanks to everyone who helped make this dream a reality."

### **[Sunrise Vigil for Hope](#) - Press Release 11 January 2010**

"The Sunrise Vigil for Hope and Marriage Equality will allow supporters to come together and share the spirit of courage, hope and strength that will herald the light of day on this important next chapter of our civil rights movement."

### **[Freedom to Marry Day](#) - Press Release 9 February 2010**

"Since 2001, Marriage Equality USA chapters have engaged in these annual marriage counter actions to render visible the discrimination that is enforced every day. Married couples, both same-sex and different-sex, will be there in support and solidarity with same-sex couples who are now barred from joining them as married couples."

### **[Community Gathering for Prop 8 Trial Closing Arguments](#) - Press Release 10 June 2010**

"On the two year anniversary of marriage equality in California, we will gather once again in support of love, justice and equality on the steps of a courthouse as we listen to the closing arguments in the federal court case challenging Proposition 8..."

### **[Closing Arguments in Federal Challenge to Prop 8](#) - Press Release 16 June 2010**

"The federal trial on Proposition 8 allowed marriage equality supporters and opponents to put their best evidence and witnessed under oath and we believe this case clearly shows that Proposition 8 stems from discrimination, leads to discrimination, and should be overturned."

**[From Sea to Shining Sea](#) - Press Release 9 July 2010**

"Yesterday's decision by the U.S. District Court in Massachusetts has confirmed there is nothing but unfounded and irrational bias and prejudice propping up the federal DOMA."

**[Day of Decision](#) - Press Release 4 August 2010**

Marriage Equality USA Announces Nationwide Day of Decision Events in Response to Federal Judge Walker's Overturning of Proposition 8.

**[Plans Move Ahead for CA Weddings](#) - Press Release 16 August 2010**

"We were married on Sunday and hope that Judge Walker will lift the stay so we can get married again and seal the deal," said Maria Ydil who exchanged her vows with Vanessa Judicpa two weeks ago after a long-planned wedding ceremony with friends and family.

**[Vote to Repeal DADT](#) - Press Release 18 December 2010**

"Today, we are seeing a great measure of hope given to those who have been impacted by this unjust and unnecessary policy. Don't Ask, Don't Tell cost this nation more than it should, and we are finally on the verge of seeing that ended."