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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ON THE PASSING OF JUSTICE  
SCALIA**

"We mourn tonight for the loss of Justice Antonin Scalia. He grew up in Queens, went to school in Manhattan and became the country's first Italian American Supreme Court Justice. He was proud to be a New Yorker, and New Yorkers were proud to have one of their own serve as a Supreme Court Justice. The First Lady and I send our thoughts and prayers to his wife, children and other family members."

*As a mark of respect for United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who was raised in New York City, and passed away on February 13, 2016, all flags are to be lowered immediately by order of the Mayor of the City of New York, Bill de Blasio. Flags are to be lowered immediately, until sunset on February 22, 2016. This includes the American flag, the New York State and City flags, and the POW-MIA flags on all City buildings, as well as stationary flagstuffs throughout the five boroughs of the City of New York.*

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