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## **2015 First Citizenship Clinic Service**

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Florida Immigrant Coalition will host its 2015 first Citizenship Clinic on Saturday, 1/10/2015, from 11 am – 5 pm at NANAY Community Center – 659 NE 125 Street, North Miami, FL 33161.

Florida is home to 1.2 million Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs) and 710,000 were eligible for Citizenship by 2010. However, only 87,000 LPRs naturalized in 2011. The same happens nationwide, where out of the 8 million LPRs who were eligible to naturalize in that same year, sadly less than 1 million did.

“Our goal is to advance immigrant rights and create active citizenship among New Americans in order to achieve a vibrant, just, and welcoming democracy for all,” states Maria Rodriguez, Executive Director of FLIC. “We hope to increase these numbers and fulfill this goal with the Florida New Americans program within South Florida’s communities and seek to expand throughout the state.”

If you meet the following requirements, please come and let us help you to file your naturalization application:

- If you have been a legal permanent resident (with a green card) for at least 5 years.
- If you are married to a U.S. citizen and have been a legal permanent resident for at least 3 years.
- If you are in the military, or if your spouse or parents are in the military.
- If any of your parents is a U.S. citizen.

“Citizenship has long been a pressing issue for the AAPI community,” Winnie Tang, President of Asian American Federation of Florida. “We have been working with FLIC to promote Naturalization and provide opportunities to Asian Americans of full integration in the Florida community and beyond. We hope more Asian American LPRs to take this step to become a citizen so may be actively participating in civic engagement to voice their rights.”

For more information, please visit [www.floridaimmigrant.org](http://www.floridaimmigrant.org) or call Winnie Tang, President of Asian American Federation of Florida, at 305-753-8791 or email at [AAFF\\_President@yahoo.com](mailto:AAFF_President@yahoo.com).

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