

# RSA Commissioner's Update

FROM COMMISSIONER LYNNAE RUTTLEDGE

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## *New Year, New Beginnings*

For two years, it has been my very great privilege to serve as the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration. It has been an honor to work for this Administration and with the staff and partners of RSA, OSERS and the Department of Education. I appreciate the dedication and commitment each of you has to our work and to the successful outcomes that individuals with significant disabilities achieve because of the programs we administer.

We have much to look forward to, both personally and professionally, as we embark on all that 2012 will offer. I regret that I will not be alongside you. This update is to share with you that I am resigning, effective January 13, 2012. The time has come for me to return home to the Pacific Northwest and embark on the journey of retirement with my husband, Ed. Leaving to spend more time with my family has always sounded like such a cliché but it aptly describes my situation.

Alexa Posny, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, has asked Ed Anthony, Deputy Commissioner of RSA to serve as interim Commissioner. RSA has a strong and effective team of staff that will continue our work without missing a beat. Together, they are some of the most gifted, dedicated and resilient public servants I know. I am confident that they can count on you to continue to work together with us today, tomorrow and into the future.

My passion will continue to be in assuring our continued success in collaborating with the disability community, public and private sector businesses and our partners throughout the country to promote increased employment and independence for youth and adults with significant disabilities.

I wish you well in 2012 and beyond.

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